April 22, 2021

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #21048

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Proponents

FROM: /s/ Joanna Southard

Assistant Chief

RE: Initiatives: Court judgment granting extension of full check deadlines

for Initiatives 1885 and 1886

Attached is the stipulated judgment signed today, April 22, 2021, by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Laurie M. Earl (Case No. 34-2021-80003629) providing separate signature verification deadlines for Initiatives 1885 and 1886. These extensions apply to all county elections officials.

Pursuant to the court's stipulated judgment, the following deadlines apply:

Initiative 1886

County elections officials have until **May 26, 2021**, to report the full check results for Initiative 1886 "Authorizes New Types of Gambling. Initiative Constitutional and Statutory Amendment." to the Secretary of State.

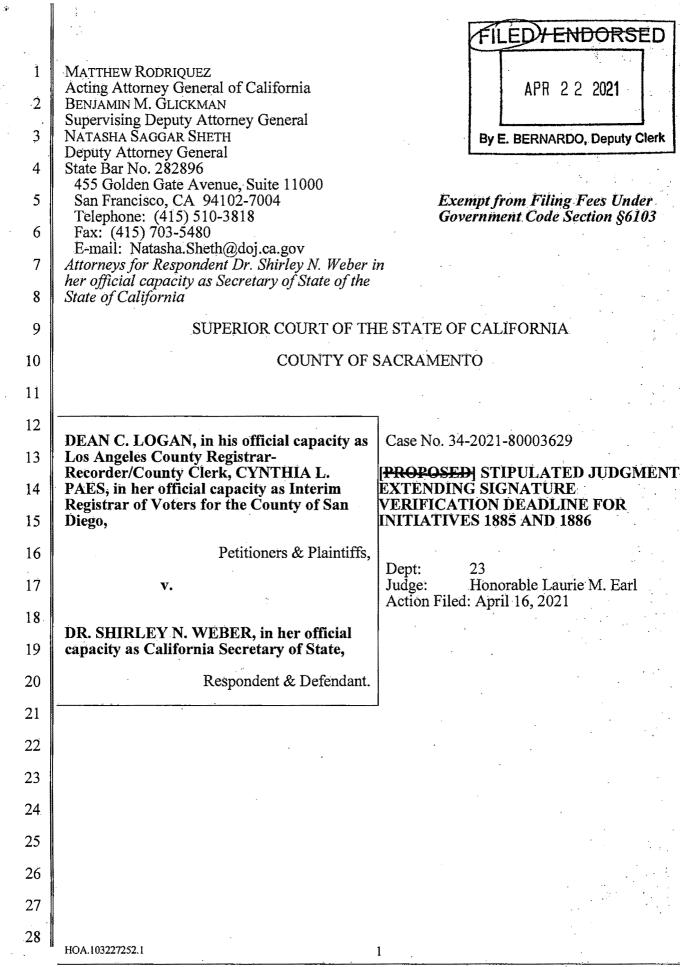
Initiative 1885

County elections officials have until **July 19, 2021**, to report the full check results for Initiative 1885 "Requires State Regulations to Reduce Plastic Waste, Tax Producers of Single-Use Plastics, and Fund Recycling and Environmental Programs. Initiative Statute." to the Secretary of State.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Joan Hackeling at petitions@sos.ca.gov.

Thank you.

Attachment



WHEREAS on March 10, 2021, Respondent Secretary of State issued a notice ordering all county elections officials to complete verification of all signatures submitted to the elections officials on two statewide initiative petitions, Statewide Initiative No. 1885-Requires State Regulations to Reduce Plastic Waste, Tax Producers of Single-Use Plastics, and Fund Recycling and Environmental Programs ("Initiative 1885") and Statewide Initiative No. 1886-Authorizes New Types of Gambling, Initiative Constitutional and Statutory Amendment ("Initiative 1886") (collectively, "Initiative Petitions"), and then submit certificates indicating the results of that process to Respondent by April 22, 2021;

WHEREAS Petitioners Dean C. Logan, in his official capacity as Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and Cynthia L. Paes, in her official capacity as Interim Registrar of Voters for the County of San Diego (hereinafter "Petitioners" or "Registrars") have been and still are in the process of reviewing and verifying all signatures submitted to them, respectively, on both Initiative Petitions, while simultaneously conducting other election activities, including signature review for the gubernatorial recall petition and preparing for and conducting special elections;

WHEREAS, Petitioners have determined they are unable to complete simultaneous review and verification of both Initiative Petitions by the April 22, 2021 deadline;

WHEREAS Petitioners filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory Relief on April 16, 2021 asking the Court to command Respondent Dr. Shirley N. Weber, in her official capacity as California Secretary of State, to accept certificates from Petitioners indicating the results of their signature verification process for the Initiative Petitions up through and until July 19, 2021, instead of the current deadline of April 22, 2021;

WHEREAS Respondent Secretary of State represents that, and Petitioners are informed and believe that, counties other than Petitioners have sought relief from the statutory deadline from the Secretary of State, citing the same concerns outlined by Petitioners;

WHEREAS proponents of Initiative 1885 do not oppose an extension of time by an additional sixty (60) business days, up to and until July 19, 2021, for Petitioners to complete HOA.103227252.1

signature review and verification for Initiative 1885;

WHEREAS proponents of Initiative 1886 oppose an extension of sixty (60) business days to complete signature review and verification for Initiative 1886, but are willing to stipulate to an extension of thirty-four (34) calendar days, up to and until May 26, 2021, for Petitioners to complete signature review and verification for Initiative 1886;

WHEREAS Los Angeles County Registrar is informed and believes it would only be able to complete signature review and verification for Initiative 1886 by May 26, 2021, if it is directed by the Court, pursuant to this Stipulated Judgment, to prioritize the signature review and verification of Initiative 1886 ahead of Initiative 1885, and to then complete the signature review and verification of Initiative 1885 by no later than July 19, 2021, and is willing to stipulate to the same;

WHEREAS the Registrar of the County of San Diego believes the Registrar will be able to complete signature review and verification for both Initiative Petitions by no later than May 26, 2021, and intends to do so;

WHEREAS for the limited purpose of entering into this Stipulated Judgment, Petitioners and Respondent stipulate to including proponents for Initiative 1885, as represented by Lance Olson of the law firm of Olson Remcho, and proponents for Initiative 1886, as represented by Fred Woocher of the law firm of Strumwasser & Woocher, as Real Parties in Interest on this Stipulated Judgment;

WHEREAS Respondent Secretary of State has considered the arguments within the Petition and agrees that the requested relief is necessary and supports an extension to complete signature review and verification for all counties statewide;

WHEREAS extending the deadline statewide ensures consistency and promotes judicial efficiency by obviating the need for multiple similar actions;

WHEREAS the requested extension will not interfere with Respondent's election duties or the conduct of the November 2022 election.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY STIPULATE AND AGREE TO ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AS FOLLOWS:

- The petition for writ of mandate shall be GRANTED.
- Counties may prioritize the signature review and verification of Initiative 1886 in order to complete such signature review and verification, and shall report the results of the same to Respondent Secretary of State, by no later than May 26, 2021, and subsequently complete the signature review and verification of Initiative 1885, and shall report the results of the same to Respondent Secretary of State, by no later than July 19, 2021.
- California Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley N. Weber, is required to accept certificates of final verification of signatures on Initiative 1886 through and until May 26, 2021, instead of the current deadline of April 22, 2021, notwithstanding Elections Code section 9031(b), and to accept certificates of final verification of signatures on Initiative 1885 through and until July 19, 2021, instead of the current deadline of April 22, 2021, notwithstanding Elections Code section

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have read and understand the foregoing contents and execute this Stipulated Judgment as of the date the last signature is executed. All counsel represent that they have authority from their clients to enter into this Stipulation on their clients' behalf. This Stipulation may be signed in counterparts, and scanned signatures shall be deemed sufficient and binding as if they were originals.

Dated: April 21, 2021

Senior Deputy County Counsel

Counsel for Petitioner Dean C. Logan, in his official capacity as Los Angeles County Registrar-

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Dated: April 20, 2021

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JUDGMENT

THE STIPULATED JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED.

ALL PARTIES SHALL BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS AND FEES.

Dated: April 22, 2021

HONORABLE LAURIE M. EAL
Judge of the Superior Court of Call
County of Sacramento

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